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MARKED-UP VERSION SHOWING CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-21 and 23-34 have been amended in the following manner:

- 1 1. (Amended) A method of establishing a binaural communication link between
2 two hearing devices at an individual by at least two electronic conductors, [characterized
3 by] comprising the steps of establishing one conductor by the individual's body and [the]
4 at least one second conductor by a wire.

- 1 2. (Amended) The method of claim 1, [characterized by] further comprising bi-
2 directionally transmitting electrical signals between said hearing devices.

- 1 3. (Amended) The method of [one of claims 1 or 2, characterized by] claim 1,
2 further comprising transmitting at least one of control signals and of audio signals via
3 said communication link.

- 1 4. (Amended) The method of [one of claims 1 to 3, characterized by] claim 1,
2 further comprising providing an electronic unit communicating by said link with said
3 devices.

- 1 5. (Amended) The method of claim 4, [characterized by] wherein said unit
2 comprising a receiver-/transmitter-unit for wireless communication and establishing
3 communication.

1 6. (Amended) The method of [one of claims 1 to 5, characterized by] claim 1,
2 wherein one of said two hearing devices being a master and the second of said hearing
3 devices a slave.

1 7. (Amended) The method of claim 5, [characterized by] further comprising
2 providing said transmitter-/receiver unit between said two hearing devices.

1 8. (Amended) The method of [one of claims 1 to 7, characterized by] claim 1,
2 further comprising applying said wire to at least one of said hearing devices by magnetic
3 attraction.

1 9. (Amended) The method of claim 8, [characterized by] further comprising
2 establishing by said magnetic attraction an electric conduction contact of said wire to an
3 input tab of said at least one hearing device.

1 10. (Amended) The method of claim 9, [characterized by] further comprising
2 establishing said conduction contact by at least one of a magnetic and of a ferromagnetic
3 member.

1 11. (Amended) The method of claim 9, [characterized by] further comprising
2 establishing said conduction contact with at least one of a non-magnetic metal contact
3 member, a conductive polymer contact member.

1 12. (Amended) The method of claim 8, [characterized by] further comprising

2 establishing by said magnetic attraction a capacitive electric contact of said wire to an
3 input of said at least one hearing device.

1 13. (Amended) The method of [one of claims 1 to 12, characterized by] claim 1,
2 further comprising establishing electric contact to said individual's body from said
3 devices by a conduction body electrode comprising at least one of a metallic and of a
4 conductive polymer body electrode.

1 14. (Amended) The method of [one of claims 1 to 11] claim 1, characterized by
2 establishing electric contact to said individual's body by a series capacitance electrode
3 from said hearing devices.

1 15. (Amended) The method of claim 8, [characterized by] further comprising
2 establishing a predetermined relative positioning of a contact area at said wire and a
3 contact area at said at least one hearing device, by said magnetic attraction.

1 16. (Amended) The method of claim 8, [characterized by] further comprising
2 enabling or disabling applying said wire to one of said two hearing devices by
3 appropriately selecting magnetic polarities of respective magnetic arrangements at said
4 at least one hearing device and said wire.

1 17. (Amended) The method of [one of claims 1 to 16, characterized by] claim 1,
2 further comprising providing an electronic unit interconnected between said two hearing
3 devices by said communication link and providing at said electronic unit an electrode to

4 said individual's body comprising one of a conduction body electrode, preferably of at
5 least one of a metal and of a conductive polymer and of a capacitive body electrode.

1 18. (Amended) The method of [one of claims 1 to 17, characterized by] claim 1,
2 wherein said hearing devices being one of in-the-ear and of outside-the-ear hearing
3 devices.

1 19. (Amended) The method of [one of claims 1 to 18, characterized by] claim 1,
2 wherein said hearing devices being therapeutical hearing aid devices.

1 20. (Amended) The method of [one of claims 1 to 19, characterized by] further
2 comprising integrating said communication link into a head-worn assembly, preferably
3 into glasses.

1 21. (Amended) The method of claim 20, [characterized by] further comprising
2 establishing electric connection of said wire to at least one of said hearing devices by
3 putting on said glasses.

1 23. (Amended) The set of claim 22, [characterized by a] wherein said
2 communication link comprising at least one single wire.

1 24. (Amended) The set of claim 22 [or 23], wherein said communication link
2 comprising an electronic unit and two single wires respectively connectable to said
3 hearing devices on one side and to said electronic unit on the other side.

1 25. (Amended) The set of claim 24, wherein said electronic unit comprising a
2 wireless transmitter-/receiver-unit operationally connected to contact areas for said two
3 wires.

1 26. (Amended) The set of [one of claims 22 to 25, characterized by] claim 23,
2 further comprising a magnetic connection arrangement between at least one end of said
3 wire and at least one of said two hearing devices.

1 27. (Amended) The set of claim 26, [characterized by] wherein said magnetic
2 connection further comprising conductive contact members at said hearing device and at
3 said one end respectively for establishing mutual galvanic contact between said wire and
4 said hearing device.

1 28. (Amended) The set of claim 27, [characterized by] wherein at least one of
2 said conductive members comprising a magnet or being made of ferromagnetic metal.

1 29. (Amended) The set of claim 27, [characterized by] wherein at least one of
2 said conductive members comprising at least one of non-magnetic metal and of
3 conductive polymer.

1 30. (Amended) The set of claim 26, [characterized by] wherein said magnetic
2 connection comprising a series capacitance, established by establishing said magnetic
3 connection.

1 31. (Amended) The set of [one of claims 22 to 30,] claim 22, wherein said body
2 electrode being a conductive plate or a conductive plate covered with a dielectric
3 material.

1 32. (Amended) The set of [one of claims 22 to 31, characterized by] claim 23,
2 wherein said wire being integrated into a head-worn assembly[, preferably into glasses].

1 33. (Amended) The set of [one of claims 22 to 32, characterized by] claim 22,
2 wherein said hearing devices being in-the-ear or outside-the-ear hearing devices.

1 34. (Amended) The set [of one of claims 22 to 33, characterized by] claim 22,
2 wherein said hearing devices being hearing air devices.